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number of his late officials and attaches called to pay their respects.

NEW-YEAR AT THE ORPHAN HOME. - At the Or phan Home, on New-Year's, the friends of the little ones loaded down a tree with presents, as at Christmas. The tree was hung with cornucopie, to each of which was appended a slip of paper, on which donations, varying from \$20 to \$2, were inscribed. It is understood that about \$300 were thus contributed. No visitors were expected on New-Year's Day, yet the children were particularly neat in their appearance. They seem to be very much ettached to their teachers, particularly to their chief matron, Mrs. Ingles, to whom credit is due for the manner in which the Institution is conducted. The only want seems to be a regular building for a "Home," which will be commenced as soon as a sufficient fund can be raised for that purpose. Donations of \$50 and upward are applied to the establish ment of such a fund. Orphan children of all Protestant denominations are received into the Institution.

It is rumored that the Committee of Ten, appointed at the Wall street meeting for the purpose of nominating a sandidate for the Mayoralty, will celebrate the glerious issue of their labors by giving a private dinner to Mayor Tiemann, at the Astor House, this (Monday) evening. The Hon. James E. Cooley will be of the party. No other invitations have been given out. As can hardly be expected that the bill for this eating and drinking will be presented to the new Common Council, it is probable that none will find fault.

HARRY HOWARD'S LEVEE,-The Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, Henry H. Howard, received over three thousand calls on New Year's Day, most of his visitors being members of the Fire Department. From 9 o'clock in the morning until 12 o'clock at night there was one continual stream of persons going in and ou of his dwelling, No. 108 Leonard street, and at times many had to wait half an hour outside, until room could be made for them. He had a splendid table set; the display of wines, cakes, fruits, &c., was very choice, and on the most liberal scale.

REOPENING OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS .- All the pub lic schools in this city and Brooklyn will reopen this morning, and Young America will turn from plum-cake and holiday feasting to books and slates.

NEW-YORK YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION. -A sodial tea gathering of the friends of the above Association will take place at Mozart Hall on Thurs day evening. Invitations have been extended to em cent speakers, some of whom have already signified their intention to be present. The Presidents of the Associations of Brooklyn, Boston, Philadelphia and other neighboring cities, have also been invited to be

CHANGES IN THE COURTS .- Friday and Saturday were days of idleness in the Courts. Nothing of importance was done except the administering of oaths of office to the judicial and ministerial law officers whose terms begin with the New Year. In the Supreme Court, Daniel P. Ingraham and

Josiah Sutherland, esqrs., were sworn in to fill the offices lately held by Judges Mitchell and Peabody. In the Superior Court were sworn Joseph S. Bos

orth, reelected, and Edwards Pierrepont in place of Judge Oakley. Court of Common Pleas-Henry Hilton in place of Daniel P. Ingraham.

Marine Court-Florence McCarty, reclected. Court of General Sessions-Geo. P. Barnard, Re eorder, in place of James M. Smith, jr.

Peter B. Sweeny, esq., the new District-Attorney, who succeeds A. Oakey Hall, was sworn in and took possession of his office in the City Hall on Saturday."

THE JEFFERSON MARKET POLICE COURT .- With the departure of the old year Messrs. Justices Davison and Flandreau retired from the positions which they have so long filled at this Court.

Justice Davison has been on the bench during the last six years, and has filled the position with eminent ability, and in no instance can a case be mentioned in which he has abused the power vested in him. With criminals of all descriptions he has dealt severely, and nene of the rowdies or ruffians arraigned before him have been allowed to go scott free, from political or other considerations. In retiring from this important position, he carries with him the warm wishes of hundreds of our citizens.

Justice Flandreau was elected two years ago to fill the vacancy occasioned by the election of Justice Stuart as City Judge, and with all criminals arraigned before him he has dealt severely. In all cases he has | will continue to run as long as the state of the river acted impartially, and retires from the bench with th

warm wishes of many for his welfare. Justice Quackenbush and Justice Kelly, newly elected magistrates, took their positions upon the bench of this Court on New-Year's day, and transacted considerable business. Both are very able men, and well qualified to fill the positions to which they have been elected.

THE COURT OF SESSIONS .- The City Judge and the Recorder elect, Mr. Barnard, have signalized the com mencement of the New Year by the removal of the fifteen attendants, heretofore serving at the Court of General Sessions, detailed to serve there from the present Police force, and appointing in their places ghteen others, none of them members of the presen Police. The authority under which the City Judge and Recorder elect claim to act in taking this step is resolution passed by the late Board of Supervisors, just before the expiration of their term, authorizing the action aforesaid. The names of the new appointees

James Karge, W. H. Carter, erier of the squad; Willian Joice, Captain of the squad; Cornelius Murray, Andrew Shees Patrick Murphy, W. S. Allen, Henry Ecans, Patrick Smith John N. Coursell, Edward Helloran, Edward T. Maloy, Edward A. Boker, William R. Wild, Jos. Dowling, William Bougherty, Jos. T. Webster, Jas. Tense.

All of the aforesaid persons are already sworn in and their official terms date from the 1st of January As application will be made to the Police Commissio ers, asking them to grant these new officials Police men's warrants, and in case of refusal of this applica tion, the failure, it is said, will be otherwise supplied.

THE NEW SURROGATE .- Gov. Edward C. West extered upon his duties of Surrogate on Friday. We understand that no removals will be made under his administration for the present.

PRESENTATION,-Deputy Superintendent Carpenter was presented with a magnificent gold watch and massve chain by the attachés of his office, on Thursday, The presentation was made at the Deputy's house by Mr. Waterbury, Drill Sergeant, on behalf of his fellow officers. Deputy Carpenter responded in a happy menner, and the affair passed off very pleasantly.

The following sales of real estate were made of Saturday, at the Merchants' Exchange, by A. J Bleecker, Son & Co.: Right, title and interest in three ote and unfinished buildings, s. s. Forty-second street, 25 feet w. from Sixth avenue; lots 25x98.9 each, \$10

Died on Thursday, the 31st ult., of pulmonary con sumption, at the Washington Hotel, opposite Bowling Green, Edward W. Clay, about 65 years of age. Mr Clay was a relative of the late Henry Clay. He was born in Philadelphia, and after a liberal education was placed in the Navy, where he served several years as nichipman with Commodore Perry, until his father's demise, when falling heir to an estate he left the Navy and turned his attention to the law, in which he wa admitted with distinguished honors; and, though very young, was at once appointed Prothonotary of Philade phis, but finding the law to disagree with his artistic taste, he went to Europe and studied the old masters for three years. On his return to Philadelphia he sketched "The Rate Leaving the Falling House," on the dissolution of Jackson's Cabinet. This brought him into notice, and for more than twenty years he was the only real the only real American caricalurist. But his eyesight Tailing, he v failing, he was offered, and accepted, the offices of Glerk of the Glerk of the Court of Chancery and Clerk of the Or

phane' Court for the State of Delaware. He held here for several years, but his health failing, he came to this city to consult Dr. Carnochan, but his disease got too deep a hold; and his relations will be glad to learn that he was well cared for till his last.

DEATHS IN 1857,-The City Inspector's reports su

p as follows:		
	October	
Total		
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natives of the United States, against 15,996 Americans in 1856. The colored deceased in 1857 numbered 406 in 1856 the number was 430. Complaints of the lungs and breathing organs claim the largest number of victims, 2,775 having died of consumption; 1,061 of inflammation of the lungs; 261 of congestion of the lungs; 341 of bronchitis; 45 of bleeding of the lungs; 49 of angina pectoris. Scarlet fever carried off 1,298 persons; 76 unfortunates tired of the world committed uickle, and the number of murders is put down at 62. although not a few of the 1,561 infants reported as stillborn, and 440 as prematurely born, should be counted on the list of persons assassinated. One died of starvation; 13 were poisoned; 204 only died of old age, and they may be regarded as, in fact, the only ones who came to a natural death during the year 1857. Infantile marasmus killed 1,491 innocent victims, and 558 more succumbed under the croup. Only one was hanged.

CITY MORTALITY .- From the report of the City In spector we learn that there were 430 deaths in our city ast week, an increase of 37 over the mortality of the week previous. Deaths from diseases of the lungs, throat, &c., have somewhat increased. The following table exhibits the number of deaths during the week among adults and children, distinguishing the sexes:

 Meak ending Dec. 26, '57, '71
 76
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 Among the principal causes of death were the following the death were the following the principal causes of death were the following the principal causes of death were the following the principal causes of de lowing: Consumption, 56; convulsions (infantile), 28; inflammation of the lungs, 29; inflammation of brain 6; scarlet fever, 21; marasmus (infantile), 10; dropsy in the head, 12; measles, 9; croup, 16; bronchitis, There were also 4 deaths of apoplexy; 21 of smallpox; 6 of dysentery; 4 of congestion of the lungs; 4 of erysipelas; 5 of typhus fever; 8 of heart disease; 5 of nooping cough; 11 of inflammation of the bowels; 2 of pleurisy; 5 of old age; 11 premature births, and 30 still-born cases. During the week there were 75 deaths in the public institutions, and 10 deaths from violent causes. The following is a classification of the diseases, and the number of deaths in each class of disease. during the week: Bones, joints, &c., 3; brain and nerves, 78; generative organs, 4; heart and bloodvessels, 16; lungs, throat, &c., 133; old age, 5; skin, &c., and eruptive fevers, 55; stillborn and premature births, 41; stomach, bowels and other digestive organs, 53; uncertain seat and general fevers, 33; uripary organs, 9. Total, 430. The number of deaths. compared with the corresponding weeks in 1856 and

299 were natives of the United States, 84 of Ireland,

sia, 2 of Spain, 1 each of Scotland and Switzerland, and 3 unknown. STRAMERS HARLING OFF FOR THE WISTER .- Al the first-class steamers which usually ply between this city and Albany have suspended their movements for the Winter. The Hero, an old boat, of the wash-tub sort, will probably continue to run as long as the ice

29 of Germany, 6 of England, 3 of France, 2 of Prus

will permit. The Robert L. Stevens was to make her last trip down from Saugerties last night. The Catskill, which has been running to and from Catskill during the past season, hauled off a week ago. The Columbia and South America, of the Hudson line have also hauled off for the season—the South America making her last trip on New-Year's day. The Manhattan, of the Rondont or Kingston line, will make her last trip down the river for the season this evening. The North America, of the same line, stopped run-

ning some days ago. The only boats running between this city and You kers, Tarrytown, Sing Sing, Nyack and Haverstraw are the Ameria and Broadway-the former from Chambers street, and the latter from Jay street. They will permit. The Fort Lee boat, the Flora, now onl makes one trip each way a day, and will stop alto-

gether on the appearance of any obstructions. The New-Brunswick boat, the Passaic, hauled off a

ew days ago. The Thomas Hunt, plying between this city and Perth Amboy, will continue to run as long as possible; and, in addition to her usual landings, she will also stop at Chelsea, which will accommodate a large number of Staten Islanders who have hitherto been over looked in offering facilities of communication to and from the city.

The Taminend, which was recently put on the Keyport route, has been withdrawn. The steamer Key port, of the same route, will, however, continue to rur regularly as long as there is any possibility of her do ing so-inasmuch as she carries the mail between this city and nearly all the villages in Monmouth County. New-Jersey.

The Red Bank and Oceanport, familiarly known as he Shrewsbury and Long Branch boats, will continue their trips until prevented by obstructions of loe. The steamers Stamford, of Stamford, the John Hart

of the Norwalk, Conn., route, and the May Flower, o the Northport, L. I., route, have likewise suspended heir trips for the Winter.

The Croton, of Glen Cove, L. I., has reduced her rips to three per week-Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. The Hartford boats (as previously noticed) have

stopped running for the Winter; and the New-Haven

deamer Elm City leaves alternately at 3 p. m. each day, making three trips a week. EXPRESS TO ALBANY ON THE HARLEM RAILROAD .-The floating palaces of the North River which, except during suspension of navigation on the noble Hudson nightly leave the city freighted with human beings, Northward and Westward bound, having been with drawn for the Winter season, the Harlem Railroad Company have made arrangements to run an evening

express between this city and Albany; commencing on Wednesday next. It will leave the depot, corner of White and Centre streets, at 3,20 p. m., and reach Albany at 10 p. m., in time to connect with the trains of the Central Railroad. Arrangements have been per fected with the Western Railroad for the trains to rut through direct, without any change of cars at Chatham. IMMIGRATION .- One hundred and eighty-three thou and seven hundred and seventy-three immigrants ar

rived at the port of New-York during the year 1857, The annual report of the Commissioners is not yet ready. A FORTUNATE ACCIDENT .- As the Croton Falls

rain of the Harlem Railroad, from this city at four o'clock on Saturday afternoon last, was proceeding northward near Chappequa, the locomotive was thrown off the track, upset and considerably damaged. in consequence of a switch having been misplaced by ome fiend in human shape. As soon as the accident occurred, some of the employes on the road started with a hand-truck to Croton Falls, for the purpose of procuring another engine; and on their way thither hey discovered that several ties had been spiked down scross the track, and a number of chairs had been turned upside down and fastened to the rails in that position. Had it not been for the accident to the engine

the misplacement of the switch, the train would doubt

less have run against the obstructions at full speed. and in all probability resulted in a fearful loss of life. The misplacement of the switch and the placing of the obstructions on the track were doubtless the work of the same individual, and it is believed that the Company have secured the guilty party, and lodged him is jail at White Plains, where an investigation of the affair is expected to take place some time to-day. The suspected person was discharged from the employ of the Harlem Railroad Company only a few days ago. and thus undertook to manifest his animosity to the Company, regardless of its consequences to unoffend-

The Board of Police Commissioners met on Saturday Present: Messrs. Bowen, Perit, Stranahan, Powell and

Cholwell. Mr. STRANAHAN in the Chair. Mr. Bowes offered the following resolution

Mr. Bowen offered the following resolution:

Received. That the General Superintendent be directed to issue
an order to be read in the Station-Houses and guidished in the
new-papers of New York and Brooklyn, setting forth that as every
member of the force has now a copy of the rules and regulations,
this Board will hold officers of every rank to their rigorous observance, and will punish any violation of those rules by severpaceuniary penalties or by dismissal from the service; and the
General Superintendent is directed in such order to alinde to the
careless deportment of many of the patrolines while on duty, and
to their negligence in dress, and to admonish them that they must
constantly partol their beats, and not stand in the streets or converse with any person except in the performance of their duty.

After acting upon some charges against policemen,

the following resignation of the post of Assistant Sur-

the following resignation of the geon was read and accepted:

No. 42 East Twenty-ninth street, New York, }

December 30, 1837, }

To the Board of Police.

GENTLEMEN: I have to acknowledge the receipt from your Chief Clerk of a notification of my having been, by the Board, "appointed patrolinan, and detailed to act as surgeon."

My thanks are due to the Board for their good intentions, list considerations of personal and professional regard require me to decline the appointment.

Very respectfully,

JNO, H. GRISCOM.

Connect donating \$256

A resolution of the Common Council donating \$25 to the man who arrested Cancemi, Mr. E. A. Wil loughby, was received recommending also his appointment as patrolman. Referred to the Committee or

longaby, was received, recommending also as appointments as patrolman. Referred to the Committee on Appointments.

The following communication was received, and referred to the General Superintendent:

On Nov. 6, 1857, I got out of the car corner of Vesey street and Broadway at shout \$\frac{1}{2}\text{oleck p. m. Had with me about \$\frac{1}{2}\text{oleck p. m. Had with none, I attempted to cross alone. I remember seeing a cart, and turning to avoid it; my next recollection is of feeling the wheel pass over my legs and kness, and of intense pain, and I called loudly for help. Soon after that I must have fainted; for I next found myself in the drug-store corner of Barclay street, kindly attended to. I was taken homein a carriage, and Dr. Wasie was very soon with me. The flesh on my limbs, though I missed, my kness bruised and term.

The Doctor attended me two weeks. The pain I suffered was very great: I still have pain and lameness in my limbs, though I am about. In consequence of the absence of the police at the time I was so wartosily injured, the examan escaped arrest. I have advertised, but cannot ascertism who he was. I therefore look to you for redr ss, and hereby submit the case to you.

JOHN HUTCHINGS,

No. 112 South Second street, Williams of the rules and regulations, that the measure was not one of severity, but if was merely a measure which was due to the bester members at the force. He honed the

severity, but it was merely a measure which was due to the better members of the force. He hoped the members of the corps would receive it in its proper spirit. They were aiming at establishing a high char-acter for that body, and he hoped the members of the force would cheerfully second their efforts in that di-

Mr. Bowes stated that the rules were constantly riolated—one could not walk the streets without seeing them violated.

The Board then went into secret session.

KILLED BY FALLING ON THE ICE. -Jesse T. Scott a lad about nine years of age, who lived on the corner of Fourth avenue and One-hundred-and-twelfth street, died a day or two since from injuries received to the spine on the 27th ult., caused by falling heavily on the where he was skating or sliding. Coroner Hills held an inquest on the body, and the evidence showing that the occurrence was accidental, the Jury rendered a verdiet to that effect.

PATAL RESULT OF RECKLESS DRIVING ON NEW-YEAR'S DAY .- Coroner Hills held an inquest at No. 90 Monroe street on the body of William G. Carter, a child four years and three months old, who was killed on New-Year's day, on the corner of Monroe and Pike streets, in consequence of being run over by a horse attached to a light wagon, driven at a furious rate by two young men, who were somewhat intoxicated. They were racing with a man driving a grocery wagon, and, turning the corner at an unlawful rate of speed, knocked down and run over the child, who died is fifteen minutes afterward from the injuries he received. After perpetrating the fatal act, the guilty parties, instead of stopping, as requested by several persons, applied the whip to their beast and were soon out of sight. Being unknown they are still at large, but efforts will be made to arrest them. Their reckless conduct deserves the severest punishment known to the law. The Jury rendered a verdict that

"William G. Carter, the deceased, came to his death by injuries received by being knocked down and run over by a wagon driven by two young men to the own, they driving at the time at ful rate of speed.

ATTEMPT TO ROB AN OFFICER .- At an early hour Saturday morning, as Officer Craft was passing the corner of Broadway and Leonard street, he was set upon by a number of rowdies, who attempted to rob him. The officer fought desperately, and succeeded in arresting one of the gang, who gave his name as John Engan. The prisoner was conducted to the Tombs. and committed to prison by Justice Welsh. Craft was not in his uniform at the time, which may account for the rascals making a mistake in their prey.

ROBBING A MAN OF RIS ROOTS ON NEW-YEAR'S DAY .- On New-Year's morning, as Ebenezer Gooding of No. 187 South street, was passing through Sixteenth street, he was feloniously assaulted and beaten by one Thomas Matthews, who struck him a violent blow, and by force took from his possession one pair of boots. Officer Drake hearing Gooding's cries for assistance. hastened to the spot and arrested Matthews. The accused is 21 years of age, a native of Ireland, lives in Sixteenth street, and is a stone cutter by trade. He pleaded guilty to to taking the boots, but not to striking the man. Justice Quackenbush committed the fellow to prison in default of \$2,000 bail.

ATTEMPTED MURDER .- Officer Dennison, on the lat. arrested two fellows named Maximilian Weber and Jacob Smith charged with having struck Peter Miller, at No. 120 West Thirty-sixth street, several violent blows on the forehead with a revolver, cutting him in a serious manner. Miller further received a violent blow on the back of the head with a hammer in the hands of some person or persons unknown. He was knocked down and kicked and beaten in a brutal manner. The prisoners were taken before Justice Quackenbush and committed in default of \$1,000 bail. Smith is a German and but 15 years of age. He said he was passing through the Seventh avenue, when seeing a crowd he stopped Parties were fighting and he tried to separate them Miller slipped down and kicked and he in turn slipped down and kicked Miller. Weber is also a German, 2 years of age, and a paper carrier. He says he had been drinking and met Miller who called him abusive names and struck him, when he defended himself.

ARREST OF AN ALLEGED MURDERER.-It will be recollected that at 9 o'clock p. m. on the 3d of July, a man named Patrick Dwyer was stabbed and killed it Oak street, and that no arrest was made of the person who stabbed him, and who was said to have escape to sea. On Thursday night, Officers Gerrodette and Twaddle of the Fourth Precinct, having obtained information that the suspected individual had returned arrested him on board the ship St. Richards, lying a Pier No. 5 North River. He gave his name as Jame Brown, and since states that he is 44 years of age, and was born in France. He confesses to having killed Dwyer, but says he did it in self-defense, as Dwye and others were trying to garrote him. He left imm distely after the occurrence, and went to Havre, whence he very recently returned.

STABBING A MAN WITH AN OYSTER-KNIFE .- Office Dennison, on New-Year's night, arrested one Thoma Rawley, a stage-driver, twenty-three years of age, and a native of Ireland, charged with stabbing and cutting Elijah Riley in the head with an oyster-knife, thereb inflicting several serious wounds. The accused was taken before Justice Quackonbush, who committed

him to prison, in default of \$500 bail. Rawley says he did not know anything about the matter, as he wa drunk at the time.

ARREST OF AN ENGLISH THIEF .- Officers Robb at Wildey of the detective force yesterday arrested one John Mattecks, said to be an old English thief, charged with robbing a store in South street, the names of the occupants of which we did not learn. From time to time numerous articles were missed from the store, but it was impossible to find out who committed the theft. A private watchman was finally engaged, and a few nights ago he observed Mattocks leave the premise with a package of goods and proceed to No. 178 Chrystie street. Thither the officers repaired yesterday, and apprehended Mattocks and conveyed him to the Deputy Superintendent's office. Upon searching the premises a quantity of cigars, undershirts, fans and other property, supposed to have been stolen, was found. It seems that Mattocks had been accustomed to conceal himself about the premises, and commit hi depredations after the store had been closed for the night. He has been detained for examination.

Doing a Congressman,-We are informed that the Hon. John Cochrane was on Saturday last taken in at the ticket-office No. 109 West street (now or lately kent by Ald. Billy Wilson), and sold a ticket for Wash ington, at a very pretty little advance from the regular prices. The Hon. Congressmen was exceedingly irate upon discovering the trick, and hinted spitefully at incarnate devils " and inefficient Mayors, but it was too late to mend the matter.

FATAL CASUALTY .- William Carter, jr., a boy four years old, son of Mr. William Carter, residing at No. 90 Monroe street, was run over in Pike street, near Monroe, on Friday afternoon, and so terribly injured that death ensued in a few minutes afterward. The body of the deceased was removed to his late home, and the Coroner notified to hold an inquest.

FOUR PERSONS UNDER ARREST FOR ARSON .- A previously published in THE TRIBUNE, a fire occurred on the morning of the 7th ult. in a two-story frame house at No. 163 West Thirty-eighth street, the premises being occupied by a colored woman named Pa-maza Cox and her family. From facts that subsequently transpired, it became evident that the fire was the work of design, and suspicion fell upon a mulatto man named Charles N. Bonnett, he having on several occasions threatened Mrs. Cox that he would burn the premises. Bennett was arrested by the Marshal on suspicion and taken before Justice Flandreau for ex-

suspicion and taken before Justice Flandreau for examination. The investigation showed most conclusively that Bennett was innecent, and he was discharged from custody. Subsequently facts were brought to light implicating Mrs. Cox and her children as the guilty parties, and the Marshal took them into custody on a warrant issued by Justice Davison. They were committed to prison for a further hearing.

It appears from the evidence at present before the Court that Mrs. Cox procured an insurance of \$800 on her household effects, the latter part of October hist, and on the latter part of November she sold some of her best furniture to a second-hand dealer in Ninth avenue, beside moving other portions of her household effects and wearing apparel to a room hired for that purpose in Thirty-second street. She then pretended to leave the city on the 27th day of November, having at different times previously told several perthat purpose in Indry-section street. See that purpose in Indry section in the 27th day of November, having at different times previously told several persons that she was going to travel South. On the morning after the fire Mrs. Cox made believe to have just returned from the South, and feigned surprise at finding that her house had been fired. Two days after the fire she made out proofs of loss to the Insurance Company, giving an inventory of articles destroyed by the fire. In this list she set forth all the articles sold by her prior to the fire, and the articles found secreted in the house in Thirty-second street, as being burned in the house in Thirty-second street, as being burned in the company the full amount insured. The whole affair seems to have been a deep-laid scheme to defraud the Insurance Company.

The further investigation of the matter will be continued by Justice Kelly, the magistrate before whom the case was commenced not having time to finish it before the expiration of his term of office.

There is a rumor of a defalcation on the part of one of the clerks in the Controller's Office. As the matter is under legal advise-ment, we make no further remark. Having seen the foregoing card in your paper of this

morning, and unwilling that any such statement should implicate an unmentioned clerk in the Controller's Office, I desire you will publish this card and state Office, I desire you will publish this card and state
that I are the party to whom it alludes, and that a
"legal advisement" will undoubtedly place the matter in its true light, and a rigid investigation and scrutiny I have already requested.
I desire you to publish this in order to place the
blame (if any) where it rests, on me, and not on any
other clerk who by your statement may be included.

Respectfully, J. B. SMITH.

To the Editor of The N. Y. Tribune.
Six: Will you have the kindness to insert the following in reply to an article in your paper of the 31st ult., headed "An Attempt to Extort Money from

ult., headed "An Attempt to Extort Money from a Mr. Bleecker:"
All I have to say is simply that Anthony L. Bleecker has purchased of me books, stationery, &c., to the amount of \$22 60, standing since April, 1856, which, being unable to collect myself, I handed to Messry. Henderson & Co. for collection. This is what Mr. Bleecker calls an attempt to extort money, Your, respectfully, CHAS. ROE, No. 697 Broadway. New York, Jan. 1, 1838.

CUSTOM-HOUSE CHANGES, &c .- Charles A. Ward CUSTOM-HOUSE CHANGES, &c.—Charles A. Ward, of Oneida County, has resigned a situation which he has held in the Custom-House during the three years past, under the administrations of the Hon. Heman J. Redfield and the Hon. Augustus Schell. Mr. Ward is to be engaged in a position of responsibility in the office of the Secretary of State, at Albany, his commission dating from Jan. 1, 1858. Mr. Samuel W. Morten, also of Oneida County, has been commissioned by the Secretary of State, the Hon. Gideon J. Tucker, as his Deputy. [Journal of Commerce.

PURDY'S NATIONAL THEATER,—Manager PUR PURDY'S NATIONAL THEATER,—Mainager PORE
by seems determined to outrival all others in the production of
movelities. Notwithstanding the grand Pantonime of "Boreas"
continues rather to increase than diminish in favor, still another
mew Druma is to be brought out with it To-MGHT, viz: G. L.
Alkene's dramatization of Sylvanus Cobb's popular Ledger story
of "The Pioneer Patriot; or, Maid of the War Path." The entertainment will conclude with "The French Spy." A grand
Testimonial Benefit will be given Manager PURDY on WEDNESDAY, in two performances (afternoon and evening), tendered to
him by the attachees of the Theater.

LAW INTELLIGENCE.

Notice to the Ban .- The Justices of the Suprem Court assigned to hold the several terms of that Court in the First Judicial District for the year 1858, give

That all the terms of that Court will open at 10 a. m. except during the sitting of the General Term.

That term will open at 11 a. m., and during its con tinuance the Judges holding it will sit to hear non enumerated motions and Chamber business each day from 91 a. m. to 11. During the terms, ex parte or ders will only be granted in the rooms assigned for Chamber business, and litigated motions will be heard in the Special and General Term rooms, by the Justices

who will sit in those rooms.

HENRY E. DAVIES.
THOMAS W. CLERKE.
JOSIAH SUTHERLAND.
Jan. 2, 1858.
D. P. INGRAHAM.

SUPREME COURT-SPECIAL TERM-Jan. 2-Before Judge

In the matter of petition of Robert Leggett, an al Edwin Hoyt &c., agt. Moses Bettman!-Demurred overruled, with liberty to answer in twenty days on payment of costs, and without prejudice to defendant's right to set up all or sobjections which he may be advised to rely on by way of answer.

John Lafarge agt. Wm. Mansheld.—Case settled.

SURROGATE'S COURT

Edward C. West, in place of Alexander W. Bradford. It is understood that Mr. West will not make any removals at present, of the clerks and officers of his Court.

COURT OF SPECIAL SESSIONS—Jan. 2—Before Justices
Convolly and Welsii.

The entire number of cases on to-day's calendar was
51—36 prison cases, I suspended case, 12 ball cases and 2 disorderlies. For a session of the Court immediately following NewYear's, the cases before it presented a remarkable dearth of in-

Mary Collins was convicted of assault and bettery, on the Suh of December, on John Dovlin, No. 149 East Sixteenth street, and was sent to the Penitentiary for 8 months.

Bernard Colin was found in possession of a coat, worth \$5 50, he had stolen, on the 30th of December, from Michael Jacobs, No. 606 Grand street, and was sent to the Penitentiary for 3 months to 200. James Roberts was arraigned for stealing three costs, worth \$25, from Occ. L. Thompson, also colored, No. 1 Thomas Matthons was sequited.

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pistois, worth \$5, he had stolen, on the 37th of December, from Washington A. Carter, No. 37 Dev street, and was sent to the

Washington A. Carter, No. 37 Dey street, and was sent to in-Penitemiary for two months.

Martin Linan pleaded guilty to stealing, on the 29th of December, silver piste, worth \$5, from Win. T. Hicks, No. 29 Maiden lane, and was sent to the City Prison for ten days.

Henry Collin stole, on the 30th of December, a set of carriage harness, worth \$13, from Chas. Horton, No. 55 Elin-street. The secured was cought in the set of perpetrating this larceny, with the harness found in his possession. Sent to the Peniteutiary for six months.

Daniel Miller, colored, was charged with stealing, on the 28th of December, two handkerchafe and a cap, worth 39 cents, from Maria O'Counor, No. 143 Mulherry street, and was acquitted.

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Chas, Kineburg was arraigned for abassault, on the Stat December, in firing a leaded pistol at Detto Kolster, No. 55 Rose street, and discharging it through a door of deponent's store. Accused was fined \$10.

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John McCiloud was arraigned for stealing, on the 23d of December, a shirt, worth 50 cents, from David Starling, No. 21 Hamilton street, and acquitted.

Edward Kinney was convicted of assault and battery, on the 1st of January, on John Murphy, No. 419 Washington street, and was sent to the City Prison for twenty days.

Henry Brown was found guilty of assault and battery, on the 28th of December, on Jos. Keeß, No. 1:5 East Twenty second street, and was need \$10; while Andrew Burden, charged with stealing two chickens, worth \$1:50, from Samuel Rock, No. 681 South street, was acquitted.

David Buckley was charged with an "indecent assault," on the night of the 28th of December, upon a young gir named Mary Kennedy, No. 142 West Thirty-sixth street, and was convicted. The evidence of the girl was quite circumstantial and conclusive of the samavaying nature of the "assault," though the define produced a remarkable array of evidence to the previous good character. The Courtexpressed their inclined to visit a you the accused the full penalty of fine and imprisonment, but in consideration of his wife (a highly reputable woman), decided to let him off with a fine only of \$20. The fine was immediately paid.

James Mend was convicted of an assault and battery, on the 1st of January, on Charles Morris, No. 5 Lowis street, and was sent to the City Prison for 10 days.

The case of Henry Geller, charged with assault and battery on Mary Daley, No. 105 Goorek street, was ordered to the General Sessions.

John West was found guilty of assault and battery, on the 28th of December, on Wm. Rede, No. 43 Jackson street, and was fined \$5, which was promptly paid.

The case of Maria Tigh, for assault and battery, was postponed to the first Thesday in February; those of Morris Brewer, John Quinn, Jas. Helseten, John Blomeir, Mary Commandy, Petrick Ries, Philip Cerland and Patrick O'Brien, charged with negative charged with as "indecent assault," were all put over to Tuesay retire.

rick Conway, Henry Walker (colored), Peter

Mass, Philip Cerland, and Patrick O'Blen, charged with assault and battery, and John M. Curran and James O'Donnell, armirned for larcetty, were discharged, no with sea appearing.

Dennis Holpin and John O'Brien, charged with assault and battery, and John Schmidt, Michael O'Bara, Margaret McCready, Thos Moore, and John Cumming, charged with larceny, were convicted and their sentences suspended.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock on Tuesday morning.

BROOKLYN CITY COURT-Jax. 2.-Before Judge Culver. Charles O. Lincoln agt. Jesse S. Smith.—Case

Wm. S. Lyon agt. The City of Brooklyn and Elisha nan. Judgment for plaintid overrolling democrar, with defendants to withdraw and answer on payment o

Catharine A. Thomas, by her next friend, agt. John former trial, and costs of opposing motion. Geo. W. Wood agt. Noah W. Duryee,—Motion to

Catharine Darby, by her next friend, agt. Patrick

Sarah Binger agt. Wm. A. Corr.-Motion for a fur-

Saran Billiger agt. with A. Companies a copy of her affidavit of December 19 appended to copy of bill, and in case of neglect to serve same in five days she is to be precluded.

Alfred Gray agt. William Johnson and others.—The motion to set seide the verdict and for new trial must be denied, but without costs.

The following opinion in this case was delivered:
This is a motion for a new trial upon the Judge's minutes under motion to set aside the verdict and for new trial must be denied, but without costs.

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This is a motion for a new trial upon the Judge's minutes under section 185 of the Code. The action was by the father for damages by reason of the death of his infant child five years old, which strayed upon the uninclosed premises of defendants in the City of Brooklyn, and was drowned in an open clatern thereon. The possession of the lot, negligence of the defendants and the amount of damages have been settled by the verdict of the Jury, and should not be disturbed. The only point worthy of consideration on this motion is the negligence of the plaintiff in allowing his child to stray into defendants' lot. In other words, whether, the child being a technical trepasser, an action can be maintained by the father for the injury. I am aware there is a class of cases originating in the country, where streets are wide, farm-lands extensive and play-grounds abundant, holding that an injured trespasser cannot unsintain an action. (I Cowan R. 75 and cases.) But I have been referred to no case by counsel, nor do I believe any case can be found, applying this doctrine to city lots. Real estate here is necessarily out up into small subdivisions. Houses and premises are continuous to each other, and to streets, lanes, alleys and thoroughfares. Streets are througed with wehicles, rendering it unsafe for foot passengers, especially children, to travel on them. Sidewalks boomen necessary. These sidewalks are in direct contiguity with lots, and, if these lots be open and uninclosed, especially in or fagsing stones have been laid, as in this case, there will be constant liability on the part of those having to cross the invisible line between streets and lots. Leaving such premises, therefore, minicuosed, with pitalls, open wells or cisterns thereon, could neither be deemed safe nor prudent. The open lots in this case was also a corner to, and holds a played on his and other vacant lots. The de

COURT CALENDAR—THIS DAY.

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT.—Part I.—Nos. 820, 2797, 1633, 1577, 383, 2748, 387, 1621, 359, 371, 2563, 1447, 2132, 2399, 1577, 1642, 1, 3, 4, 5.

1577, 1842, 1, 3, 4, 5.
SOPREME COURT—SPECIAL TERM.—Nos. 1 to 20 inclusive. Court will open at 10 a.m.
COURT OF COMMON PLEAS.—Part I.—Judge BRADT.—Nos. 1, 1602, 2 to 2, 10 to 14, 357. Part II.—Nos. 15, 16, 17, 1603, 19 to 25, 1634, 27, 30.
SUPERIOR COURT.—Nos. 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 17, 19, 21, 22 23, 24, 85, 27, 28, 29, 31, 23, 34, 35, 37, 38, 39, 40, 42, 43, 45, 47, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 57, 58.

NEW-JERSEY ITEMS.

New-Year's Day, in Jersey City and Hoboken, was very generally, but quietly observed. The streets were alive with callers, but the absence of intoxication and boisterous conduct was the subject of comment. Only four persons were arrested in Jersey City for drunkenness.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE OF A PHILADELPHIAN .- A

young man named Burgess Bradley, a student from one of the medical colleges in Philadelphia, attempted to commit suicide, by cutting his throat, in Jersey City, on Thursday evening. He came to New-York from Philadelphia, without the knowledge of his family, on Wednesday last; and on Thursday evening he went over to Jersey City, and called at the Gymnasium, on the corner of Gregory street and Washington place, kept by Mr. Samuel Bowers, with whom he (Bradley) and been long acquainted. He appeared melancholy and dejected, which was noticed by Mr. Bowers, who asked him the cause of his low spirits, but received no satisfactory answer. After having been there for several hours, and while he was sauntering around the room, he made a sudden gesture and fell to the floor. Upon going to him it was found that he had made an attempt to cut his throat, and had inflicted a wound upon the right side of his neck about four inches in length, from which blood was flowing profusely. Mr. Bowers immediately went for a physician, and upon returning, and just as they were approaching him, he again raised the knife and stabled himself in the abdones. He was very weak from loss of blood, but upon examination, his wounds proved to be not of a fatal nature. He was removed to the Philadelphia Hotel, his friends telegraphed to, and he was on Friday morning taken home to Philadelphia by his brother. The cause of the act is a mystery, and he refuses to explain.

FIRE IN NEWARK .- On Thursday morning a fire broke out in the four-story building known as "Our Building," No. 192 Broad street, which did a large amount of damage. The fire originated in the daguerrean establishment of Mr. Charles C. Brewster. The entire less is estimated at about \$6,900. The damage to the building is about \$4,000, which is fully covered by insurance in the American Mutual, New-Jersey, and a New-York Company. All the contents of the gallery occupied by Mr. Brewster, including a camera and other instruments; were destroyed. His loss is estimated at \$1,200, on which there was an insurance of 400. The rear room of the south side of the same story was occupied by a singing club, and the contents, including a piane, were destroyed. The loss is about \$175; insured for \$125.

CITY PRISON BEFORT .- The City Marshal of Jersey

City reports 87 commitments to the prison during the month of December, for offenses as follows: renkenness... 50 Vegrancy 1 Violating city ordinances 5 Gambling 1 Pighting

falcious mischief. 4 Total

The nativity of the prisoners was: Ireland, 55; England, 9; Germany, 11; Scotland, 2; United States,

The Sussex Register states that the negotiations in relation to a change in the management and ownership of the Sussex Railroad, which have been for some wroks in program, have eventuated in an arrangement by which it will soon compared to the control of their own citizens, and be subject to a local Board of Directors, who will atrive to render it what it was only interpreted to be-one invaluable adjunct to the prosperity of that town and county. Measures will be taken without delay to give the rend a therough overhauling, renovate and renew its roiling steek, and have its running operations harmonissusing blended with those of the Morris and Essex Railroad Company.

Rev. J. M. Sherwood, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Bleomfield, has been compelled by ill health to tender his resigna-tion to that seclety, of which he has been pastor since April, 1868, and will soon preach his fare well sermon.

BROOKLYN ITEMS.

RESIGNATION OF THE REV. MR. SHERWOOD. -Th

NEW-YEAR's DAY IN BROOKLYS .- Friday was duly celebrated in this city. From a seasonable hour in the morning till late at night there was a continued round of calls at almost every house in the city. Calleto visited in carriages and on foot. The visiting was kept up till midnight.

On Thursday evening Burdett Stryker, esq., the retiring Sheriff, delivered up to George Remsen, coq., the new Sheriff, the County Jail, with the prisoners, books and papers. One hundred and twelve prisoners were delivered over, who are confined under centences and awaiting examination.

The Methodist churches were open during evening

for the purpose of holding the usual religious exercises attendant upon the sivept of the new year. They were well attended, but some of them required the presence of a police force to maintain order. The Mayer of the City, Samuel S. Powell, received

his friends and the public at the Mayor's office, City Hall, between the hours of 10 and 12], during which great numbers of the citizens availed themselves of the opportunity to call upon him. Sheriff Remson also received visitors at the jad.

where he has already taken up his residence.

About 81 o'clock on Thursday evening two men named Patrick Carroll and Daniel McCarty were arested by the Third District Police on a charge of highway robbery. They, with some others, attacked a man named Peter Mullen, in Hamilton avenue, and robbed him of a basket of provisions, also beating him severely. They were held for examination.

A female child about two weeks old was left on the steep of the house No. 65 Prospect street on Thursday night. It was taken in charge by the Superiatendents of the Poor. Cornelius W. Cozine, Coroner elect, took his seet

on Friday in place of Thomas H. Redding, whose term expired. John J. White, Superintendent of the Poor, also took his sent in place of James C. Rhodes, whose term had expired.

About 2 o'clock on Friday afternoon a riot occurred in Fulton street, near High street, between some of the members of Engine Companies Nos. 3 and 4. The

difficulty first occurred between two of the members of each company, and soon became general. The police of the First Precinct, under command of Sergeants Mathews and Smith, soon arrived on the ground, and arrested William Wallace, William McCloud, John W. Hutchinson, Frederick and Francis Gerard, and Patrick McKinney, who were locked up for examination. A young man named John Laidlaw was seriously injured in the fight, having been cut in the head with a wrench.

The Fourth District Police arrested Patrick Duff for driving his wife and children out of the house and threatening to shoot them. A gun loaded and cocked was taken from his possession. He was committed for

a hearing. James Gallagher was attacked by a man named Thomas Perse, while standing on the corner of Atlanic and Hicks streets, on Friday afternoon. Parse was intoxicated, and coming up assaulted Gallagher with a knife, inflicting a serious wound in the neck, close to the jugular vein. It appears there was no occasion whatever for the assault. Purse was taken into custo

dy by Officer Oats, and committed for a hearing. Madeline Foster, while drunk, fell down in Court treet on Friday, and injured herself so severely that medical aid was rendered necessary. She was taken to the Third District Station-House, where her neces

ities were attended to. A woman named Sarah Gillen, residing on the corner of Front and Main streets, died suddenly on Friday from disease of the brain, caused by drinking too u liquor. An inquest was held, and a verdict in secordance was rendered.

A fire broke out in the house of Terence Donnelly. in Twentieth street, near Fourth avenue, on Thursday night, which was destroyed. The adjoining house of Thomas Boland was also damaged. Combined loss about \$660; no insurance.

A trial match between Engines Nos. 20 and 21 took lace on Third-av., Gowanus, on Thursday morning. They played through 100 feet of hose and a 1-inch nozzle. No. 20 threw 158 9 inches horizontally, and No. 21 played 113 feet 6 inches, leaving a balance in favor of No. 20 of 45 feet. They had previously played into each others boxes, at which No. 21 gained the advantage.

The police made the following arrests during the day and evening: 1st Precinct. 19 5th Precinct. 13 9th Precinct. 3 2d Precinct. 13 6th Precinct. 46 3d Precinct. 25 7th Precinct. 1 Total. 135 4th Precinct. 16 5th Precinct. 4

CHURCH DEDICATION .- The new Methodist Episcopel Church on the corner of Hanson place and St. Felix street, was dedicated yesterday, by the Rev. Bishop Janes, who held forth in the morning, and in the af-ternoon and evening the Rev. Dr. Kennedy and the Rev. Mr. Inskip preached. The structure is built of brick, in a plain style of architecture. The cost of the building, with the ground upon which it stands, will be

creased number of communicants, and the present edifice was built. The Rev. Joseph Law will preside over the congregation. THE SHERIVY'S APPOINTMENTS. -Sheriff Remove made the following appointments on entering upon the duties of his office:

Deputies—C. A. Sparks, Thomas Murphy, Hugh McLaughter,
Turnkeys of the Jade-John Van Voorbies, Thomas Oddiese.

about \$25,000. The congregation formerly worshiped

in a small house in Dean street, near Powers street,

which became too contracted to accommodate the in-

ATTEMPTED MURDER .- Between I and ? o'clock on Friday morning, a colored man named George Jackson was shot by an unknown man while on his way home, at No. 58 Ewen street, in the Sixteenth Ward. While welking up Graham avenue, near Marshall street, he saw four drunken men coming toward him, and, in order to avoid them, walked out into the middle of the street. 'ust as the men came opposite him, one of them, having a gun in his hand, deliberately aimed and fired. The ball took effect on the left cibow and shattered it to pieces. The men, who appeared to be Germans, then ran away, and it is not yet known who they were. Jackson was conveyed to the Sixth District Station-House, where his arm was amputated by Dr. J. A. Brady, assisted by Drs. Simmons and Owens, and he was then conveyed home. There ap-pears to have been no cause for the act, except that.

A PRIZE-FIGHT WHICH DID NOT TAKE PLACE .-Some time before daylight on Sunday morning a party of about two hundred admirers of the fistic art living about the Twelfth Ward repaired to Yellow Hook Point, in the Eighth Ward, for the purpose of witnes-ing a prize-fight between two of their number. Whom the ground had been staked out and all was in readiness, one of the principals concluded that he was not in good condition, and so declined to outer into the con-

he men were grossly intoxicated.